

Remarks

This Amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of June 29, 2005. Claims 1-7 have been canceled and new claims 9-12 have been added to overcome the claim objections under 35 USC § 112 and the claim rejections under 35 USC § 102 and 103.

The Examiner's suggestions have been considered in amending claims to overcome the claim objections. New independent claim 8 is now directed to a portable columnar structure where first and second columnar couplers of the columnar coupler structure form a part of the portable columnar structure in the form of furniture parts or strut assemblies to be assembled and disassembled.

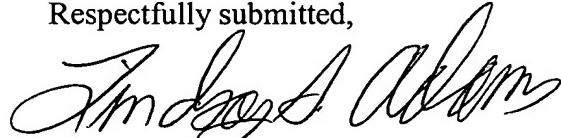
The Battermann reference, however, is directed to an improved electrical plug for joining sections of the internal conductor of a coaxial transmission line used for the transmission of ultra high frequency waves. The Battermann reference shows a plug structure to be fixed a screwed end of the plug body device 5 forming inside the transmission conductor. The plug structure of the Battermann reference is not directed to furniture parts or strut assemblies to be assembled and disassembled as claimed in claim 8. In view of the above, both the Battermann reference and the instant invention are totally different in structure and function. As a result, claim 8 and dependent claim 9-12 are not anticipated.

Moreover, the instant invention of claim 8 is not obvious over the Battermann reference. The Battermann reference is directed a connection plug for coaxial transmission lines. To the contrary, the instant invention is directed to a portable columnar structure that is in the form of furniture parts or strut assemblies to be assembled and disassembled. One skilled in the art would not be motivated by the Battermann reference to achieve furniture parts or strut assemblies as

claimed by claim 8. For example, claim 8 requires that the columnar structure to be portable. However, the plug in the Battermann reference when incorporated into a coaxial cable transmission line would not result in parts of a columnar structure (e.g., furniture legs) that is portable. As a result, the Battermann reference does not teach or suggest claim 8 and dependent claims 9-12.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to early issue.

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